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Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 10, 2025

6:30 PM

Council Chambers

City Council

Mayor Lance Westcamp

Council Members - Jean Ann Hilbert, Ed Dildine, Shawn Cleary, Becky Hutson, Scott Lockett & Jack Rupp

I. Call to Order

Mayor Lance Westcamp called the City Council meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Staff Present: BJ King - Administrator, Kevin Shannon - Law Director, Jason Carr - Director of Finance, Casey Adams - Chief of Police, Michael Loges - Development Director, Mindy Kay - Clerk of Council

Guests Present: The Guest Book is on file with the Clerk of Council.

II. Moment of Silence

The Mayor asked everyone to join him in a moment of silence.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

Chief Adams led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Roll Call

Absent: 1 - Edward Dildine

Present: 5 - Becky Hutson, Scott Lockett, Jack Rupp, Jean Ann Hilbert, and Shawn M. Cleary

A motion was made by Council Member Hilbert, seconded by Council Member Cleary, to excuse Council Member Dildine from tonight's meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Hutson, Lockett, Rupp, Hilbert and Cleary

V. Approval of Minutes

The October 27, 2025 City Council Minutes stand approved as submitted.

[#208-2025](#)

October 27, 2025 City Council Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [2025.10.27 City Council Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)

VI. Business of Guests**A. Carla Cramer and Fred Friend - Groveport Heritage Society**

Carla Cramer and Fred Friend addressed Council regarding insurance

coverage for Heritage Society items displayed in various city facilities. They explained that they have items located in Sharp's Landing (which they insure), the Town Hall Museum, and the Log House. They presented a valuation of items from 2017 and noted that they were in the process of requesting some items from the Ohio History Connection, which requires borrowers to provide a facilities report and certificate of insurance before transferring items.

Finance Director Carr explained that the City's insurance through the Central Ohio Risk Management Association provides blanket coverage for contents in city buildings, but does not specifically insure individual items with valuations. He suggested that the Heritage Society might want to consider a separate policy similar to a renter's insurance policy to ensure proper coverage of their items, especially if they obtain additional items on loan from the Ohio History Connection.

B. Paul Clark - Paddock Pub

Paul Clark thanked Council for their support with the pub's Christmas inflatables display. He specifically expressed appreciation for the City providing electricity for the display, which runs from Black Friday through January 1st. He mentioned that the City was addressing some current electrical issues, including a broken underground wire and a non-functioning outlet.

Mr. Clark requested the Council consider expanding electrical access to the south side of the drive to allow the inflation display to grow. He noted that underground conduit had been installed during paving work about two years ago but had never been connected. He emphasized that while only 1-2% of visitors actually patronize the pub, the display drives significant traffic to all local businesses.

Administrator King acknowledged that they would look into the request but noted there are challenges with the floodplain in that area.

VII. Ordinances and Resolutions

A. 3rd Readings

B. 2nd Readings

[Ord. 2025-034](#)

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GROVEPORT, OHIO, FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2026

Sponsors: Cleary

Attachments: [Ord. 2025-034 Exhibit A.pdf](#)

This Ordinance was read by title

C. 1st Readings

[Ord. 2025-035](#)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO ADD THE POSITION OF BUILDING CLERK IN THE BUILDING & ZONING DEPARTMENT

Sponsors: Lockett

This Ordinance was referred to the Committee of the Whole

[Ord. 2025-036](#)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO PURCHASE TWO (2) POLICE VEHICLES FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT UNDER THE SOURCEWELL COOPERATIVE PURCHASE PLAN, INCLUDING THE PURCHASE OF ANCILLARY EQUIPMENT THROUGH PARR PUBLIC SAFETY, THEREBY WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING PURSUANT TO GROVEPORT CITY CHARTER SECTION 9.02(B)

Sponsors: Dildine

Attachments: [Ord. 2025-036 Exhibit A.pdf](#)

This Ordinance was referred to the Committee of the Whole

[Ord. 2025-037](#)

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE 2026 GENERAL FEE SCHEDULE FOR THE CITY OF GROVEPORT

Sponsors: Rupp

Attachments: [Ord. 2025-037 Exhibit A.pdf](#)

This Ordinance was referred to the Committee of the Whole

[Ord. 2025-038](#)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO ADD THREE SEASONAL POSITIONS IN THE PUBLIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Sponsors: Hutson

This Ordinance was referred to the Committee of the Whole

[Ord. 2025-039](#)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO ADD

THE POSITION OF CITY ENGINEER IN THE ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

Sponsors: Hilbert

This Ordinance was referred to the Committee of the Whole

[Ord. 2025-040](#)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO CREATE THE POSITION OF TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR FOR THE TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

Sponsors: Cleary

Attachments: [Ord. 2025-040 Exhibit A.pdf](#)

This Ordinance was referred to the Committee of the Whole

[Ord. 2025-041](#)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO PURCHASE A FORD F600 CAB AND CHASSIS UNDER THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS COOPERATIVE CONTRACT, A WESTERN PLOW UNDER THE SOURCEWELL COOPERATIVE PURCHASE PROGRAM, AND AN ACE TRUCK DUMP BODY AND RELATED EQUIPMENT UNDER THE SOURCEWELL COOPERATIVE PURCHASE PROGRAM THEREBY WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING PURSUANT TO GROVEPORT CITY CHARTER SECTION 9.02(B)

Sponsors: Lockett

This Ordinance was referred to the Committee of the Whole

[Ord. 2025-042](#)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 2025-021 SETTING COMPENSATION FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS AND FURTHER CONTINUING THE OPTION OF OBTAINING FAMILY VISION, DENTAL INSURANCE, AND LIFE INSURANCE FRINGE BENEFITS

Sponsors: Dildine

This Ordinance was referred to the Committee of the Whole

[Ord. 2025-043](#)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PAY GRADE TO INCLUDE THE ADDITION OF THE TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR CLASSIFICATION IN THE TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

Sponsors: Rupp

Attachments: [Ord. 2025-043 Exhibit A.pdf](#)

This Ordinance was referred to the Committee of the Whole

[Ord. 2025-044](#)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH STEDMAN FLOOR COMPANY, INC FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF CARPET AND FLOORING AT THE GROVEPORT MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE FACILITY IN ACCORDANCE WITH OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 125.04(C), THEREBY WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING PURSUANT TO GROVEPORT CITY CHARTER SECTION 9.02(B)

Sponsors: Hutson

This Ordinance was referred to the Committee of the Whole

[Ord. 2025-045](#)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO PURCHASE A JOHN DEERE BACKHOE FOR THE PUBLIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT UNDER THE SOURCEWELL COOPERATIVE PURCHASE PLAN, THEREBY WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING PURSUANT TO GROVEPORT CITY CHARTER SECTION 9.02(B)

Sponsors: Hilbert

This Ordinance was referred to the Committee of the Whole

[Ord. 2025-046](#)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH ACCURATE MECHANICAL, INC FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF HEATING AND COOLING EQUIPMENT AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING UNDER THE OHIO STATE TERM SCHEDULE COOPERATIVE PURCHASE PLAN, THEREBY WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING PURSUANT TO GROVEPORT CITY CHARTER SECTION 9.02(B)

Sponsors: Cleary

This Ordinance was referred to the Committee of the Whole

[Ord. 2025-047](#)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO SOLICIT BIDS AND TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE LOWEST RESPONSIVE AND RESPONSIBLE BIDDER FOR THE ELMONT FORCE MAIN PHASE 3, PART 2 REPLACEMENT PROJECT, AND THE DECLARATION OF AN EMERGENCY

Sponsors: Lockett

This Ordinance was referred to the Committee of the Whole

[Ord. 2025-048](#)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO SOLICIT BIDS AND TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE LOWEST RESPONSIVE AND RESPONSIBLE BIDDER IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE 2026 STREET MAINTENANCE PROGRAM, GROVEPORT PARK LOWER PARKING LOT RESURFACING, AND GROVEPORT PARK SHARED USE PATH RECONSTRUCTION

Sponsors: Dildine

This Ordinance was referred to the Committee of the Whole

VIII. Reports

A. Mayor - Lance Westcamp

Mayor Westcamp advised those planning to attend the Veterans Day ceremony the next day to dress warmly. He also reported that he attended Madison Christian Church's 50th anniversary celebration and presented a proclamation at the well-attended event.

B. Administrator - BJ King

Mr. King reminded everyone about the Veterans Day event at 11:00am the next day at Veterans Park. He reported on a meeting held at 4:00pm with residents adjacent to the Wirt & Main project. The well-received presentation provided residents with contact information and forms to submit questions. He noted that while the discussion briefly veered toward semi-truck traffic concerns, they refocused on the project details, detour information, and acknowledged that while the project would cause some difficulties, they were committed to helping residents through the process.

C. Chief of Police - Casey Adams

Chief Adams addressed ongoing issues with semi-truck traffic in the city, particularly around the old Craft building operated by Penske. He reported that trucks were parking improperly on Spiegel Drive and Port Road, creating safety hazards, including instances where other vehicles, including a CODA bus, had to drive into oncoming traffic to get around parked trucks.

He explained that many trucks were getting lost trying to access warehouses at Sharp's Landing or Saddle Creek because they couldn't make proper turns at certain intersections and would then encounter "no through truck" signs, leading to confusion. He reported that trucks were

traveling on Main Street at all hours and damaging guardrails, trees, and creating hazards for parked cars on streets like College Street.

There was discussion about enhancing enforcement of truck route violations for vehicles going to warehouses, with Council Member Hutson emphasizing that trucks going to warehouses should be using the designated truck routes rather than city streets.

Chief Adams also reported that drone training for five police department members had been successfully conducted at Town Hall, with the trainees now preparing for their FAA certification tests. The trained officers included both detectives, the school resource officer, Sergeant Benner, and Patrolman Rosser.

D. Director of Finance - Jason Carr

Finance Director Carr reported that the City of Columbus Utility Advisory Board had met on October 29th to discuss water and sewer rates. He informed Council that Columbus is proposing an 18% increase in water rates, 8% for sewer, and 2% for storm, resulting in an average 11.72% increase. Additionally, Columbus plans to increase capacity fees effective April 1, 2026.

Mr. Carr noted this would impact Groveport's rates, as the City's current 5-year plan only included 5% increases. He indicated that the administration would need to revisit the fee structure in 2026 to address the shortfall and avoid losing money as had happened in the past.

E. Director of Law - Kevin Shannon

F. Development Director - Michael Loges

Development Director Loges elaborated on the semi-truck issues raised by Chief Adams, stating that they had been in contact with the Craft warehouse operators (Penske and Menasha) to find more durable solutions to on-street truck parking. Based on resident feedback from the afternoon meeting, he suggested working with the new City Engineer once hired to develop creative solutions for truck traffic, particularly around the Sharp's Landing and Pontius Road area.

Mr. Loges reported a recent meeting with two businesses in that area who expressed concern about unclear signage that was preventing them from receiving a contract. He commended Bryan Strayer and the Public Service Department for quickly addressing a signage issue. He committed to developing more comprehensive solutions to manage truck

traffic while still facilitating necessary business deliveries.

G. Council Members - Jean Ann Hilbert, Ed Dildine, Shawn Cleary, Becky Hutson, Scott Lockett and Jack Rupp

Mr. Lockett commended Mr. Loges, Mr. King, and Mr. Farst for their presentation to residents earlier in the day.

Ms. Hutson congratulated Mr. Lockett and Abdullah Ansar-Barsa on their election.

Mr. Cleary praised the budget book's quality and congratulated the Groveport football team on their playoff games. He emphasized the need to make sure proper training is provided for all of the new equipment that is being purchased.

Mr. Cleary initiated a discussion about the annual toy drive coordinated with John Jones and Firefighters for Kids. He noted that John Jones was in poor health but committed to the drive, and discussed the need to coordinate collection efforts. Council agreed to finalize plans at the Committee of the Whole meeting on November 17th, with collections to coincide with the Channel 4 drive on December 13th. Paul Clark offered to provide discounts at the Paddock Pub for those bringing in donations.

H. Clerk of Council - Mindy Kay

I. Standing Committees

Mr. King reported that the Trees and Decorations Committee met prior to the Council meeting. He mentioned plans to create a video about the city's Tree City Award to educate residents on what the designation means. He also reported that the Blacklick Haunted Park event raised \$9,000 for the food pantry this year, and that Apple Butter Day giveaway items were distributed within an hour, suggesting a need for more items at future events.

IX. Other Business

A motion was made by Council Member Cleary, seconded by Council Member Hilbert, to go into Executive Session at 7:14pm. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Hutson, Lockett, Rupp, Hilbert and Cleary

A motion was made by Council Member Cleary, seconded by Council Member Lockett, to come out of Executive Session at 7:54pm. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Hutson, Lockett, Rupp, Hilbert and Cleary

X. Adjournment

Council Member Cleary made a motion, seconded by Council Member Hilbert to adjourn at 7: 54 p.m. All in favor stated AYE, None Opposed. Motion passed.

Lance Westcamp, Mayor

Mindy Kay, Clerk of Council

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